

# CHARITON COURIER.

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MAN WAS MADE TO HUSTLE.

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## NOTICE!

I again ask parties who know they are indebted to me to please settle at once. This is now August 1st, and I need and must have some money to meet some obligations that are due. I would not insist on you paying me if I did not need it. So please settle at once. If you cannot pay all pay what you can.

Respectfully,

**S. M. WHITE,**

'PHONE 26. KEYTESVILLE, MO.

### A Would-Be Burglar.

When W. R. Rucker, one of Keytesville's tonsorial artists, went home about 11 o'clock last Saturday night he hid himself upstairs to close the window shutters as it was threatening to rain. After going back down stairs it was not long until he heard some one walking on the roof of the east porch, trying to open the window blinds as it had begun to rain. Going out onto the porch, Mr. Rucker suggested to his wife that he believed he would shoot through the roof to see if he could hit the intruder, but as Walter didn't have so much as a toy pistol or a popgun he didn't shoot. The threat, however, to do so served its purpose, for the would-be burglar lost no time in climbing from the porch roof to the roof of the house, jumped from the eave to the ground and nothing more was heard of him after he scampered away in the dark. Walter thinks the intention of the fellow was robbery, and that he entered the house Saturday evening during the absence of the family and went upstairs in order to be ready to go through his (Rucker's) pockets some time during the night. Walter had about \$30 in his trousers. He says he will be fixed in good shape for the next visitor who comes to his house on a similar mission.

### Some Plums.

There are plums and plums, but E. O. Williams, who lives on the bar, seven miles southwest of Keytesville, has some plums. He was in town Tuesday exhibiting a branch, cut from one of his plum trees, that caused a good deal of comment and beat anything that even our oldest inhabitants ever saw in plum productivity.

The limb was about 12 inches long, contained about 100 plums and tipped the beam at 13-4 pounds. The plums were so thick on the twig that they reminded us of a large bunch of grapes.

They are of the Abundance variety, and Mr. Williams says he has 11 trees just like them.

We are indebted to Mr. Williams for this prolific sample of his plum crop.

Mr. Williams is also one of Chariton county's watermelon kings, and informs us that he has a good prospect for melons this season although they are later than usual.

We hope to be able to trade the plums back to Mr. Williams for one of his most succulent melons when they get ripe.

### At Cost.

I am closing out my stock of furniture at cost.

A. M. BRILL,  
Keytesville, Mo.

### COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

#### Regular August, 1901, Term.

Court met pursuant to adjournment Monday, August 5, with the following officers present:

E. B. Welch, presiding judge; W. N. Hamilton and B. F. Fleetwood, associate judges; F. M. Veatch, sheriff, and H. H. Miller, clerk.

F. M. Veatch, sheriff, makes report showing that in compliance with an order of this court, made Nov. 8, 1900, in the matter of foreclosure of bonds to school fund, he levied upon and sold the following real estate as the property of Emma E. Duvall, to-wit: 17 acres, s and w pt se ne and ne se 8-55-18 to John M. Callahan at and for the sum of \$560, which report is examined, approved and ordered filed.

Same as to school fund mortgage of Jane Gordon, which was sold to Jos. Miles for \$385; same order.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the mortgage given by Wm. O'Bryan to the county school funds of this county for \$300 has been fully paid, the clerk is therefore ordered to release said mortgage by proper entry on margin of the record.

Ordered that the state auditor be authorized and requested to draw his warrant in favor of E. W. Herring, county treasurer, for \$9,771.12, the amount of school moneys appropriated to Chariton county for the year 1901.

H. H. Miller, county clerk, presents statement of fees received by him as such clerk for second quarter of 1901, which is examined, approved and ordered filed.

F. M. Cox files his petition for a private road leading from se se 3-52-18 to the public road leading from Asbury chapel to Rockford. Further consideration continued.

Contract made by County Surveyor A. F. Arrington with J. D. Cunningham and J. L. Cropper to construct drainage ditch No. 3 at and for the sum of \$3,865.78, together with contractors' bond for faithful performance of contract, is presented, examined and approved and clerk directed to enter same in full upon records of drainage district No. 3.

Upon request of citizens of Salisbury and Keytesville townships it is ordered that a sum not to exceed \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of assisting said citizens in finishing the dump road leading east across the bottom from the Chariton river, east of Keytesville, to the old Brill farm, and it is further ordered that if the total cost of completing said dump road does not amount to \$400 then this court is only to appropriate one-half of the total cost thereof.

ship, bridge across branch on road in 23-53-18, near residence of Jas. M. Welch.

Same order, Clark township, bridge across Locust creek on south side 17-56-18 on road leading from Rothville to Westville, near residence of G. W. Walter.

Same order, Cockrell township, bridge across creek on public road leading from Hamden to Musselfork in 19-55-19, near residence of E. A. Chapman.

In the matter of the petition of Jay Fulbright et al for bridge across Grand river, near Sumner: It is ordered by the court that the county bridge commissioner be directed to visit proposed sites of said bridge and report to this court at its next term the estimated cost of constructing an iron or steel bridge at that place, and which of the two or more proposed sites is the most desirable.

It is further ordered by the court that the cost of making said inspection shall be borne by said petitioners, and it is further ordered that said petition be continued to the November, 1901, term of this court to await the report of said commissioner.

C. A. Jennings, coroner, presents his report of the proceedings in the inquest held by him on the body of Hugh Gribble July 17. It is ordered by the court that the bill of costs and expenses incurred in holding this inquest, amounting to \$32.53, be not allowed, for the reason that it is the opinion of the court that the evidence in this case did not justify coroner in holding said inquest.

In the matter of the petition of F. M. Cox for a private road leading from se se 3-52-18 on the public road leading from Asbury chapel to Rockford: Petition withdrawn by agreement and cause dismissed.

Bonds of the following township collectors of Chariton county presented, examined, approved and ordered filed, to-wit:

J. M. Ramsey, Bee Branch.  
A. G. Friesz, Bowling Green.  
M. A. Knappenberger, Brunswick.

H. N. Rohwer, Chariton.  
A. W. Knott, Clark.  
Clarence McCurry, Cockrell.  
Frank Wannamaker, Cunningham.

A. S. Wilks, Keytesville.  
H. B. Felt, Mendon.  
F. A. Fox, Mussel Fork.  
E. P. Feaker, Salt Creek.  
C. Gray, Wayland.  
F. F. Hamilton, Yellow Creek.  
A. F. Arrington, county bridge commissioner, presents his report showing that bridge across West Bee Branch on line between 16 and 21-56-17, near the residence of Peter Stevens, has been completed according to contract by John Kunkle, and recommends the payment of the contract price—\$100—therefor.

Same as to bridge across Palmer creek, near corner of 14, 15, 22 and 23-54-19, Chap Guthridge, contractor, for \$250, and also \$5 for extra work.

Upon the recommendation of the township board of Cunningham township, A. F. Arrington, county bridge commissioner, is ordered to let the contract for a wooden bridge across Elk creek on range line between 20 and 21 in said township, and report to the November, 1901, term of this court.

Same order, Cockrell township, for bridge across Jones branch, near residence of J. W. Wisdom.

Same order, Yellow Creek township, for bridge across Slater branch, near residence of E. N. Heaton.

E. W. Herring, county treasurer, presents to the court his settlement as such treasurer, for

six months ending Aug. 1, 1901, which is examined, approved and ordered filed and spread in full upon the records of this court.

In the matter of the public ditch petitioned for by Alf F. Rector et al in drainage district No. 3: The report of the civil engineer and contract and bond of J. D. Cunningham and J. L. Cropper for the construction of said ditch, approved by this court August 5, 1901, are hereby set aside for the reason that said contract binds Chariton county to pay for the construction of said ditch. Said report of said civil engineer and bond and contract of said contractors are thereupon amended and approved, and 20-year bonds, bearing six per cent interest, redeemable in two years at the option of the court, are ordered to issue to the amount of \$4,500, the payment of said bonds to be met by a special tax levied on the lands affected by said ditch in accordance with the drainage ditch law.

Bonds to school funds approved as follows:

T. B. McCloud for \$700, with Geo. W. McCloud and Eldex Brooks as securities.

J. F. Hains for \$199.92, with H. H. Hains, John Welch and F. M. Welch as securities.

Jno. E. Fox for \$251.90, with Mattie E. Fox, Wm. Lake and Silas W. Riley as securities.

Terriss M. Clarkson for \$600, with Robt. P. Clarkson, W. F. Cavanah and D. C. Laird as securities.

W. T. Gribble for \$500, with Thos. Gribble and W. G. Agee as securities.

Nora Newbold for \$800, with Mrs. M. S. Creel and Harry Sinclair as securities.

Taylor Jones for \$604.88, with Jos Welch and Elder Brooks as securities.

ALLOWANCE.

E. W. Price, 80 cords of wood for courthouse, \$160.

J. T. Aldridge, making certificate of health for prisoners sent to penitentiary, \$1.

Samuel Dodsworth Book Co., stationery, \$10.95.

August Gast, same, \$14.65.

Woodward & Tiernan, same, \$1.88.

G. D. Barnard & Co., same, \$19.80.

L. P. Walter, assessing Mussel Fork township for year 1901, \$37.63, and like amount certified to state auditor for payment.

Geo. Conrad, one day's work at jail, \$2.

T. T. Cruse, services as janitor at courthouse for July, 1901, \$35.

M. H. Holcomb, lime for courthouse, 75 cts.

Geo. N. Elliott & Co., five abstracts for county, \$5.

State Industrial Home for Girls at Chillicothe, support of Ruth Ward, Lylie Scotten and Maggie Cruse for second quarter from April 11, 1901, to July 11, 1901, \$56.25.

O. B. Anderson & Son, supplies to poorfarm, \$1.40.

D. Iglehart, supplies to poorfarm, \$11.35.

Jos. Miles, supplies to poorfarm, \$13.80.

Rachel McKee, support of self and daughter, Mary Vandusen, for third quarter of 1901, \$20.

Ed Lippincott, support of self, a pauper, \$24.

Eastwood & Son, supplies to poorfarm, \$13.75.

L. D. Bowen, material and labor in repairing bridge on road from Triplett to Mendon, \$6.50.

E. W. Herring, salary as county treasurer for May, June and July, 1901, \$300.

Same, cash paid for express, freight and postage for county, \$11.70.

## OVERHEAT.

Do not overheat yourself trying to cook when it is so hot and dry. Come and buy a nice lunch of bread, ham or some canned meats. I carry a full line and my bread cannot be excelled in the world. A nice cup of our

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coffee for breakfast will revive your spirits and keep your system in fair shape to stand this hot, dry weather. My line of groceries is complete. Come and see me.

Produce wanted.

**W. M. Willett,**

Young Building. Keytesville, Mo.

Call up 'phone No. 76.

CHARITON COURIER, stationery, \$4.90.

John Chivers, work on vault door in circuit clerk's office, 50 cts.

Geo. Conrad, work at jail, \$8.65.

Press-Spectator, publishing financial statement of county for the year 1901, \$92.20.

E. W. Price, 1,200 feet of flooring for county bridges at \$1.50 a hundred, \$18.

John H. Cupp, assessing Wayland township for year 1902, \$38.30, and like amount certified to state auditor for payment.

CHARITON COURIER, stationery, \$7.

J. F. Hansman, ice for courthouse, \$4.25.

Eastwood & Son, supplies to poorfarm, \$4.50.

J. M. Wilson, assessing Clark township for year 1902, \$39.52, and like amount certified to state auditor for payment.

F. M. Veatch, board of prisoners in jail for term ending Aug. 6, 1901, \$157.50.

M. T. Davenport, salary as superintendent at poorfarm for July, 1901, \$50.

Same, cash advanced for supplies to poorfarm, \$4.65; for labor at poorfarm, \$15.47. Total, \$20.12.

Robt. Cox, salary as laborer at poorfarm for July, 1901, \$15.

L. N. Dempsey, salary as prosecuting attorney for May, June and July, 1901, \$225.

Agee Bros., supplies to poorfarm, \$12.45; supplies to prisoners in jail, \$2. Total, \$14.45.

A. Keeting, supplies to county bridge commissioner, \$14.15.

Keytesville Lumber Co., 220 pounds of Manila rope for pile-driver, \$33.

Same, supplies to jail and poorfarm, \$16.89.

John Kunkle, building bridge across West Bee branch on line between 16 and 21-56-17, near residence of Peter Stevens, \$100; for material and labor for repairing bridge across same branch on line between 21 and 23-56-17, \$68.64. Total, \$168.64.

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., stationery, \$80.80.

Chap Guthridge, building bridge across Palmer's creek, \$250; extra work on same, \$5. Total, \$255.

E. W. Price, 1,200 feet of oak and hickory bridge flooring, \$18.

A. F. Arrington, salary as bridge commissioner from July 8, 1901, to Aug. 3, 1901, \$77.40.

Jacob Cantlon, lumber and labor in repairing steel bridge on road leading from Bynumville to Salisbury, \$4.50.

Chas. D. Street, material and labor for repairing county bridge, \$3.

Court is still in session as we go to press. Conclusion of proceedings next week.